MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): So, is the member convinced that the public understand that those rules have not received the approval of Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As I said, it would have been better if there were a preamble showing that the rules have received the approval of Government. If Government issue a notification themselves that will come in Part I of the *Gazette*.

Teaching of Tamil as an optional subject in the Arts College.

65. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why permission is not yet given for teaching Tamil as an optional subject in His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Arts; and

(*b*) whether there was any representation from the public or a requisition from the Principal of the Arts College, for permission to teach Tamil as an optional subject in the said College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The necessity has not been keenly felt, and the times are not propitious to consider such proposals involving additional expenditure.

(*b*) There was a representation on the matter at the 27th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly by Mr. A. S. Veerabahu Pillai. The Principal also was in favour of the idea.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether Government are aware of the fact that every year more than 50 Tamil students belonging to Shencotta, Tovala and other places go to the St. Joseph's College at Trichinopoly and the Colleges at Madras?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there was any representation in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, there was. I think it is stated in the answer.

Teaching of Tamil in the Arts College.

66. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a proposal for teaching Tamil as an optional subject in the Arts College; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken by the Government thereon?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. A. S. Veerabahu Pillai, member at the 27th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, represented, among other matters, the necessity for the introduction of Tamil as an optional group for the B. A. course in the College of Arts, Trivandrum.

(*b*) As the necessity has not been keenly felt and as the proposal, which involved additional expenditure, could not be considered on account of financial stringency, the question has been dropped for the present.

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